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ARGENTINE DRAFT RES A/C.2/L.1368 REV. 1

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1. THIS MSG SUMMARIZES DISCUSSION BY MISOFF WITH ARGENTINE REP REGARDING US OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT RES A/C.2/L.1368 REV. 1. DISCUSSION PROCEEDED IN THREE PARTS: FIRST PART RELATED TO OP PARAS 4(B), 4(C), 4(D), 4(F), 4(G) AND 4(H); SECOND PART RELATED TO PREAMBULAR PARA 8 AND OP PARAS 3(B) AND 4(A); THIRD PART RELATED TO OP PARA 2(A).

2. REGARDING FIRST PART, DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND WISDOM OF GA TO RECOMMEND ACTIONS AND TAKE DECISIONS THAT GO BEYOND DECISIONS OF UNEP GC. AFTER STATING THAT UNEP CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON TO SET IN MOTION THOSE UNEP-GC DECISIONS THAT REFLECT LDC INTERESTS, THEREBY MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR GA TO INSERT ITSELF IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, ARGENTINE AGREED TO CONSIDER INCLUSION OF PREAMBULAR PARA THAT WOULD STATE THAT ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN RES NOT INTENDED TO AMPLIFY, CHANGE OR ALTER UNEP GC DECISIONS. ARGENTINE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO APPEARED EMANABLE TO SUGGESTION THAT SINCE RES WAS ENTITLED

"REPORT OF UNEP GC" THAT MORE BALANCE COULD BE ACHIEVED BY PROVIDING LANGUAGE THAT INDICATED THAT SINGLING OUT SOME ASPECTS UNEP GC REPORT DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OTHER ASPECTS. (FURTHER REGARDING FIRST PART, MISOFF DISCUSSED APPROPRIATE PARAS WITH UNEP LIAISON OFFICER, WHO SPECIFICALLY SAW PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TIMING AS REGARDS PROVISIONS OF PARA 4(C) AND PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION AS REGARDS PARA 4(G). ARGENTINE STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH UNEP LIAISON OFFICER ON THESE MATTERS.)

3. REGARDING SECOND PART, ARGENTINE SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO OUR PROPOSALS TO CHANGE PARA 3(B). WITH REGARD PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PHRASE "COLLECTIVE ECOLOGICAL SECURITY" IN PREAMBULAR PARA 8, DRIFT OF CONVERSATION SUGGESTED THAT PHRASE HAD NO REAL MEANING OTHER THAN "WORKING TOGETHER" (ARGENTINE SEEMED ENAMORED WITH PHRASE, IT BEING LIKE "COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY" BUT "QUALITATIVE RATHER THAN QUANTITATIVE."). AS FOR PROPOSED CHANGE IN PARA 4(A), ARGENTINE WOULD NOT ACCEPT CHANGE SINCE INTENT PARA 4(A) NOT TO PROVIDE GENERAL STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT, WHICH UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALREADY PREPARING, BUT A SPECIFIC STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT, RELATED TO "WASTEFUL EXPLOITATION AND CONSUMPTION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES." THIS REACTION FOOTNOTED WITH COMMENT THAT STRONG'S IDEA OF STATE OF ENVIRONMENT DIFFERENT THAN LDC CONCEPT - STRONG'S IDEA RELATES TO "THINGS LIKE POLLUTANTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST ONLY TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES".

4. REGARDING THIRD PART, ARGENTINE SEEMED AMENABLE TO PROPOSAL TO BREAKUP PARA 2(A) TO MAKE TWO SEPARATE PARAS; ALSO TO CHANGING "IMPLEMENT THE" TO "CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "A". HE NOT AGREEABLE, HOWEVER, TO DELETION OF "AND IN PARTICULAR IN THOSE PERTAINING TO TRADE, ECONOMY, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY", ON GROUNDS THIS A UNEP PRIORITY.

5. COMMENT. ARGENTINA HAS ELECTED TO CONSULT ON A/C.2/L.1368 REV. 1 ON A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BASIS. THIS VERY AWKWARD, SINCE WE HAVE NO SENSE OF WAY RES IS DEVELOPING OR INDEED IF ANY OF OUR PROPOSALS BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY CO-UNCLASSIFIED

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SPONSORS. ALSO ARGENTINES HAVE DONE HOMEWORK WITH REGARD UNEP DETAILS, PARTICULARLY IN OP PARA 4; ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SOMEONE FROM DEPARTMENT WHO KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT UNEP, INCLUDING EVOLUTION OF UNEP GC DECISIONS, COULD ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS. END COMMENT. SCALI

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